

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1001
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kim Howard upon
being named the 2006 Teacher of the Year by
Humanities Outreach Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself
as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard was recently named the 2006 Teacher of the Year by
Humanities Outreach in Tennessee, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a
teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives;
accompanying the Teacher of the Year Award is a \$500 grant for Merrol Hyde Magnet School to
fund education for new teachers; and

WHEREAS, Humanities Outreach in Tennessee (HOT) is a statewide education
program of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC), a private, non-profit corporation
dedicated to providing and supporting the presentation of performing arts to citizens of
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, HOT presents a season of theater, symphony, music, opera, ballet, and
modern dance for young audiences, while providing teachers with comprehensive study guides
to use in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year Award was established by TPAC supporters
Rhonda and Richard Small in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard is responsible for organizing all middle school field trips at Merrol Hyde Magnet School, and she coordinates and selects materials that complement curriculum for the HOT program; and

WHEREAS, during this season, Kim Howard has brought students to two HOT performances, “Home on the Mornin’ Train” and “Hamlet”; during the past three years, she has brought students to see six performances at TPAC; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard received her bachelor's degree from Columbia College in South Carolina, and she has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher in Hendersonville, Tennessee since 1989, working as a special education teacher before moving on to teaching social studies; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Ms. Howard always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Kim Howard truly embodies the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kim Howard upon being named the 2006 Teacher of Year by Humanities Outreach in Tennessee, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and commitment to the performing arts, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.